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## Same-sex marriage bill passes in House

BY JAMES TOWNSEND  
News Writer

After years of lobbying, proponents of same-sex marriage achieved a narrow and important victory in the struggle for equality in Maryland late Friday afternoon.

The bill, the Civil Marriage Protection Act of 2012, scarcely passed with a difference of 72 to 67 in the Md. House of Delegates, the same place it was shot down only one year ago.

Amidst growing support, the act will move on to the Md. Senate, where it is expected to pass. Then only the signature of Governor Martin O'Malley would be required to sign it into law, legalizing same-sex marriage. Hopes are high, as Gov. O'Malley promised to sign the bill if it ever made it to his desk.

The fight will not stop there, however. Opponents have already vowed to bring the issue to a referendum, allowing Marylanders to vote on the bill in November, before it becomes law on Jan. 1st, 2013.

What Marylanders will decide come November is still a mystery. Despite the state's highest rated support for same-sex marriage, as reported by the Washington Post, recent history is enough to keep hopefuls skeptical.

In the traditionally liberal state of California, a referendum vote called Prop 8 drew millions to the polls in 2008 to vote against and successfully overturn the legalization of same-sex marriage. However, a second overturning came only a few weeks ago from the Circuit Courts of California, ruling Prop 8 unconstitutional.

While appeals are in still process, it has many wondering whether or not a referendum in other states, including Maryland, will hold up in the long run.

On Feb. 13, the Student Government Association, the Graduate Student Council and the Institution for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement brought the discussion to the student body in an open forum with the question "Should Gays Marry?"

The modest turn out soon found itself at an impasse, with the realization that almost all of the students and faculty who showed up were in favor of the bill. Karen Rayne, an English

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## Bike lane planned for Bateman



Justin Odendhal photo

Senior Chris Goulart rides his custom-made bicycle down Bateman Street on Monday afternoon. Goulart, along with many other SU students, must battle with traffic while biking to and from school.

BY KATELYN DRAPER  
Staff Writer

Kevin Rowe, a senior dual majoring in economics and environmental studies, has proposed a plan to make the intersection of Bateman Street, Onley Road and South Division Street safer for bikers.

The intersection is an inevitable route for students living in University Village, The Seasons and Cedar Crossing apartments. This living area, with a high concentration of students, is accompanied by an awkward infrastructure that poses risks to bikers, pedestrians and drivers. The hazardous crossroad forces

bikers to ride illegally against the flow of traffic and sometimes on the sidewalk with the possibility of injuring a pedestrian. Rowe sat outside of Maggs Gym and said it was easy to receive 400 signatures on his petition to promote a safe, physically and environmentally healthy way for students to get to campus.

## Film series to showcase international cultures

BY COREY NETHEN  
Staff Writer

Students are engaged in international media more than they probably think.

The next time someone covertly pulls out their iPhone in class and opens "Angry Birds," they probably have no idea that this best-selling game was actually developed in Finland.

Over the next few weeks, Salisbury University will give students, faculty and the local community a chance to get a more intimate look at a number of cultures in the form of film.

A series of foreign films titled "Bridges to the World" will be hosted by World Artists Experiences and the International Division of Maryland's Office of the Secretary of State. This is SU's fourth annual screening of the series, and they are one of five schools chosen for screening.

Each film is chosen by the respective country's embassy and will include an introduction from a native facilitator followed by a discussion and Q&A after the picture. Regional refreshments are offered after the showing. After Japan's "Hula Girls" was shown, guests were served fresh slices of grapefruit in gel with hot green tea.

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The next three films shown will be from Sri Lanka, Brazil and Turkey. Cultural Affairs Director June Krell-Salgado

has been working tirelessly to make sure events like these open up student's minds and imaginations.

"Technology has made the world so small," Krell-Salgado said. "We're working to help people understand and promote peace, mutual respect and dialogue among nations."

The theme of this spring's events will be "free form." A few cultural events have already occurred on campus this semester. Sitarist Hari Sharma's performance in the Great Hall attracted an audience that filled the entire room, intrigued to hear his mesmerizing sound.

The House of Sand, which will be shown March 5, takes place in Brazil's Maranhão desert.

"It's interesting what people learn in these movies," Krell-Salgado said. "Most people imagine rainforests when they think of Brazil, they have no idea these deserts exist."

## Tow companies reject city proposal

BY RAMIN GOUHARI  
Staff Writer

Tempers flared over a new towing ordinance at a City Council Meeting on Monday night.

The ordinance comes amidst growing outcry from Salisbury locals who believe they are paying too much for standard towing services. A \$30 administration fee would have been removed from towing agencies used by the Salisbury police.

"These fees apply only to tows where police call companies and ask them to respond. It isn't fair and just for our consumers to be charged a \$30 administration fee after they've already paid over \$300 in some cases," said City Council Vice President Deborah Campbell.

Campbell's comments infuriated several local automotive company owners who attended the meeting to make sure their voices were heard.

"It's not fair and square. You want us to work for nothing," said Gary Pusey, owner of Gary Pusey's Quality Cars.

He accused the council of having an anti-business agenda due to their stance with consumers, but went on to explain that removing the fees would only hurt them personally.

"We're not here for our health, we're here to

make a living and frankly it seems some people on this council are educated beyond their intelligence," he said.

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Pusey's remarks led many in the automotive industry who seemed disgusted with the council's attempts to intrude on their businesses during a sensitive economy.

"After two years, I thought we finally put this thing to bed. We need this \$30," said Kenny Mills, Fruitland resident and business associate to Pusey. "We're looking for a fair shake."

After Pusey and Mills' remarks, city councilman Tim Spies withdrew his support of the amend-

ment, forcing the board to discuss the ordinance further.

"This industry says it is not going to work for them but I do feel Ms. Campbell's comments were justified when she hears from clients who have been mistreated again and again," said Council President Terry Cohen.

What first began as a question as to what fees were fair to charge in the towing industry, soon became a heated attack on personal politics.

"You have to take into account that we spend \$70,000 just on the truck and tires. There's no room for profit after all the expenses build up," said Richard Parsons, owner of Richard Parsons Inc.

"The more you talk, the deeper you dig your hole. This has been absolutely disgraceful, and I do not agree with your liberal ways," Pusey said.

The Council continued to discuss the ordinance and eventually sided with the auto industry in a four-to-one split. While Campbell's attempts to represent public outcry over the fees was spirited, she was ultimately unsuccessful as the amendment was struck down by the big automotive players who showed up in full force.

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## Marriage

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department faculty member, observed the same.

"This really isn't much of a discussion," Rayne said. "It's more of a cheerleading for gay marriage."

While few members of the opposition were in attendance, support for marriage equality appears to be a rising trend among Salisbury University students.

In an article in last week's issue of The Flyer, titled "Marriage Equality Close for Marylanders," graduate student Julia Glanz estimated that 90 percent of the students she talked to on campus signed her petition to support the legalization of same-sex marriage. An online poll conducted by The Flyer also found 100 percent of participants in favor.

Despite the support on SU's campus, Wicomico

County delegates Michael A. McDermott and Norman H. Conway both voted against the bill. However, an aid in Conway's office admitted the delegate remained undecided until the last minute.

Though the state remains split, many SU students are confident that the tipping point is near. Matthew Oberly, senior, believes that people will soon give in to reason.

"(The debate is) just silly. I have yet to hear one secular reason to deny a gay couple to get married," Oberly said at the open forum last week. "America is a secular country. People are going to realize that soon."

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## CRIME BEAT

2/19/2012  
1:00 a.m.

**ASSAULT (OFF-CAMPUS)**  
Student reported he was assaulted while at the Monkey Barrel. Incident was forwarded to Salisbury City Police.

2/19/2012  
4:00 - 10:45 p.m.

**MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**  
Staff member reported malicious damage to the baseball field specialty light.

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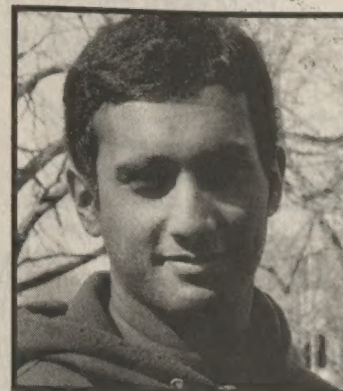
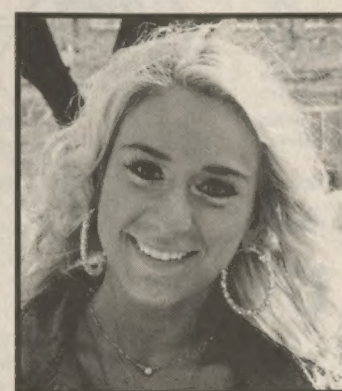
# EDITORIAL

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## Overheard: What else would you like to see in Sea Gull Square?

Photos by Pete Hicks

"Chuck E. Cheese."  
- Felix Francis, freshman"Cracker Barrel would be awesome, and could provide jobs for college students."  
- Andrea Schwientek, sophomore"There should be a day spa for people who are really, really ridiculously good-looking."  
- Cody Trenary, sophomore"An Italian place."  
- Kyonna Powell, junior"Maybe a mini-supermarket."  
- Michael Chun, freshman

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## We will always love you, Whitney Houston

BY SARAH KRAUSS  
Copy Editor

The world was shocked with the news that beloved pop-star Whitney

Houston had died at the young age of 48.

In lieu of the news, the reactions of people have been mixed, as some believe that her alleged drug and alcohol abuse detracts from the amount of sympathy fans should have. However, their grief is not misplaced as Whitney Houston was one of the most influential singers of our generation.

Houston was nominated for an estimated 526 achievement awards throughout her career including six Grammys, two Emmys and 30 Billboard Music awards.

She has been awarded 99 times by the Record Industry Association of America and has produced 11 No. 1 hit songs, being surpassed only by other legendary artists such as The Beatles, with 20 No. 1s, and Michael Jackson, with 13 No. 1 hit songs.

The song "I Will Always Love You," although written by Dolly Parton, was made famous by Houston. Her soulful control and incredible range allowed her to carry the song to its full potential.

Other recognizable songs such as "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" and "How Will I Know?" blew

Houston's image up as a powerful force to be reckoned with in the music industry in the 80s and early 90s.

Though drugs and alcohol may have caused Houston to stop producing hits during the late 90s, one vice does not erase a God-given talent that many only dream of having.

Even if you haven't listened to Houston's greatest hits album on repeat since her death, let those who do cherish her career as one of the best do so peacefully, no matter their horrible attempts to hit Houston's highest of notes.

## Save money; save planet Early semester laziness leads to catastrophe

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Teachers often assign supplemental articles or readings to read outside of class.

The pages add up; it's only two weeks into the semester and I've already had to print almost 300 sheets. Or I would have, had I printed them out. However, I decided to download them to my Kindle instead. At \$79, it's inexpensive, and since I only print minimally I don't feel the need to buy a printer.

I can carry all my class readings on a single device that fits in my purse. I can organize the readings in collections, which is much more organized than they would be if I was keeping the papers in binders. And I don't feel like I have to throw them out halfway through the semester because they don't take up space. It's a win-win situation.

I use my Kindle because it makes me a better student. However, it's also saving trees by almost completely eliminating my need to print. This semester, I am vowing to find more simple ways to be eco-friendly.

1. Avoid using disposable items.  
Honestly, I don't even like plastic grocery bags. They're flimsy, and always seem to break on my way back. And I never can find a good use for them after I'm done. So if I remember, I try to bring those canvas bags to the store with me.

They're really easy to find, and usually cost under \$1. You can find bags with cute patterns, and sometimes I even use them for carrying my books to class. It's definitely a worthwhile investment.

Also, I try to avoid buying bottled water. I have a Brita in my apartment, and I try to use that to fill my water bottle. In the long run, that actually saves a lot of money. A Brita costs about \$30, and a water bottle usually costs about \$5.

Plastic water bottles, on the other hand, cost about \$1 each. If you buy a bottle of water every day you would spend over \$100 a semester, compared to the \$35 you would spend by using a Brita.

2. Minimize unnecessary water use.

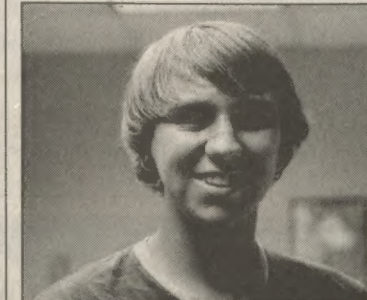
I'm not saying that you should eat from dirty dishes. But there's no reason that you can't wear a pair of jeans or a sweatshirt twice. And as much as I love taking long showers, I try to cut them down to less than ten minutes.

But one of the easiest ways I like to save water is by going tray-less at The Commons. I go in there sometimes and just get a drink and sandwich; there's no reason that I need to put that on a tray. I don't know if going tray-less makes a huge impact on The Commons' water use, but I like to think that every little bit helps.

3. Minimize gasoline use.  
This one was easy for me because I don't have a car. But even if you do, try walking or biking every once in a while. There are many places in Salisbury that are only a mile or two off campus, and there's no reason that you need a car to go there if the weather is nice.

That said, it's still a good idea to use a car if it's extremely cold, raining or if you need to travel more than a few miles. But try not to drive if it isn't necessary.

## Wisconsin union-busting hits 1-year mark

BY STEVEN CENNAME  
Staff Writer

The Republican war on teachers and other public employees is now 1-year-old, and we all need to keep fighting anti-collective bargaining rhetoric until the ability of teachers, firefighters, policemen and other public employees to negotiate for their wages is guaranteed to remain intact.

In February 2011, Wisconsin became ground zero for the fight for one of the many things that makes America great — workers' rights. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker became the first of what would be several Republican governors to introduce legislation to take the right to bargain for wages away from public employees, particularly

teachers. He used this legislation in order to defeat a major money source of the Democratic Party campaigns: unions. Mass protests in the state capitol by teachers, public employees and supporters of union rights made this story national news, but Walker refused to listen to the cries of thousands of Wisconsinites and the millions nationwide who supported the protesters. Instead he continued his assault on workers' rights.

He said that taking away union rights would be justified because it would help balance the budget. However, there are no signs of it helping balance the state's budget since Wisconsin currently has a \$140 million deficit. If Walker really wanted to reduce the state's deficit, he would have raised state taxes on the top 1 percent instead of attacking teachers and cutting millionaires' taxes.

The war on collective bargaining then spread to other states with Republican governors such as Ohio, New Jersey, Tennessee, Indiana, Maine and Nevada. Those state capitals also faced mass protests, but refused to listen to the people and instead continued to bust up

unions solely for the purpose of partisan politics.

The Wisconsin Republican Party had stolen the 2010 election, especially those against teachers, firemen and policemen.

Due to backlash on Gov. Walker's war on workers' rights, there is a very good chance that he will find his name on the November ballot in Wisconsin before his first term is over because pro-union voters in Wisconsin have gathered the signatures they need to launch a recall campaign against him.

Hopefully, if Gov. Walker is recalled in November, it will send a clear message to Republican governors nationwide that the last fight you want to pick is a fight against public workers. Unions have played a very important role in American history. They are the reason why we have minimum wage, the weekend, child labor laws, workplace safety standards and many other laws that have made jobs more worker-friendly. To take away their rights is highly unethical, un-American and should not be tolerated in the 21st century.

gaining battle over the summer, stated that they fully support all unions and oppose any effort to strip collective bargaining rights, especially those against teachers, firemen and policemen.

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## TUI: Texting under the influence



BY ABIGAIL COLBY  
Party Girl Problems Columnist

"HAPPY CINCO DE MAY-  
OOOO MOGO AND DADDY!  
LOYVE YOU!!!!"

Let's be honest with ourselves, we've all committed a TUI at least once or twice during a night out, and while the sender of this embarrassing, yet considerate, text shall remain anonymous, we all know that feeling of waking up only to find that you've sent some messages while you were a little messed up.

Anyone who has ever sat in a class for twenty minutes while the professor attempts to locate the Power-Point file he "just had up," or had a minor panic attack when being told that the Internet will be down for approximately 30 minutes, knows how technology plays a huge role in our everyday lives.

These gadgets and programs, intended to provide us ways to more effectively and quickly communicate with each other, can have their disadvantages as well.

Quick, non-confrontational and convenient, many students turn to texting to discuss even the most serious of topics, given that there are no awkward silences and the sender has time to decide exactly what he or she wants to say. That being said, text messaging is certainly not perfect, and once someone is four or five drinks deep not even autocorrect can save his or her rambling soul.

Upon morning-after review, many drunk texts find they have made plans, cancelled plans, broke up with, made up with and often times confused their recipient while committing a TUI, and after deciphering the typos and misspellings, find that they have said some things they probably shouldn't have.

An article by Crystal Cole published in the Auburn Plainsman discusses a stage called "alcohol myopia" that one enters while drinking, in which they are very much conscious and aware of their surroundings, and become concerned with problems they are facing or things that they want with little regard for the long term.

For women, this might mean informing a friend that her new

boyfriend is a jerk or describing to your ex how you feel about him using slightly harsher language. For men however, drunk texts can entail asking that girl you've had your eye on to "come over and watch movies" at 3 a.m., often with slightly different intentions in mind.

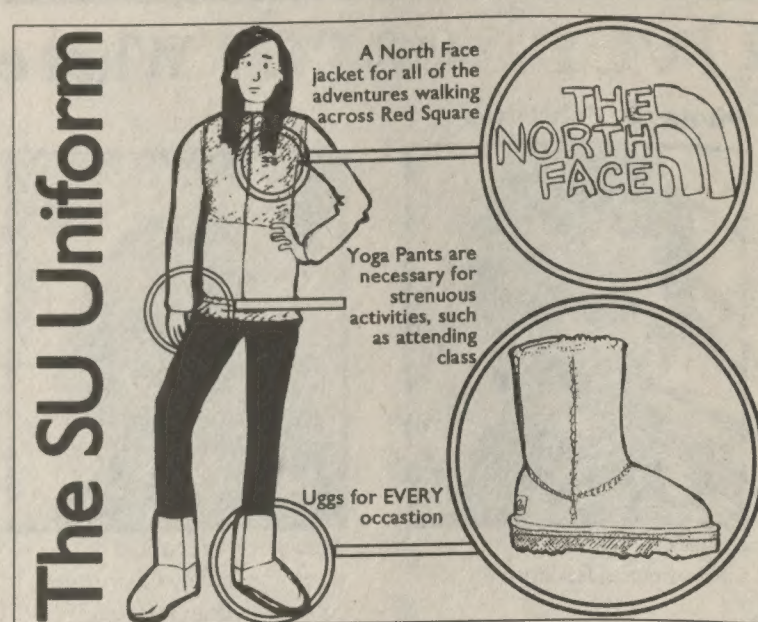
While a simple apology or explanation can usually clear up these booze-driven blunders, partaking in this risky form of communication can sometimes hold more serious consequences.

A little liquid courage may be the liberator that encourages you to tell your manager that you can't stand her or a new love interest just how serious you are about him or her. While many of us understand the feigned logic of a drunken mindset, that doesn't change the fact that these messages can put you in some seriously awkward positions.

If you're a drunk texter, it may be time to make prior arrangements and leave the phone behind, or erase common recipients from your contacts before heading out.

However, a seasoned partier knows how to embrace her surroundings and enjoy the people she's with, rather than keeping her head glued to a screen or thinking of how to reply for the rest of the night. Isastrous results.

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Created by Adora Bowman

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## (Mis)Adventures in Life and Love

### Chapter Two

"Hot, Sane and Single. Pick two because you'll never find a girl with all three."

I can't take credit for that quote, but I'll take credit when you repeat it to your friends. In my recent love life I've been surrounded by crazy girls, dishearteningly so. I think I've figured out why.

They do this thing where they become incredibly infatuated with me.

They become smitten to the point where they're being sarcastic as they stroke my ego. (Keyword = "stroke").

Sometimes, I even start to detach from reality as I get lost in a fog of compliments and follow them down the road to "Crazy-ville." That's what scares me. I pretend the hotness and the singleness can outweigh the insanity, but it never, ever, can.

Raise your hand if a girl has ever sent you a screenshot of Google

maps depicting how close the two of you live in relation to one another, but you never told her where you live, let alone your exact address.

Ever had a girl tweet at you 16 times in one day? You've known her for three days.

Has a girl ever had sex with you while she was on the rebound and you knew it? Has a girl broken up with her girlfriend "for you?"

Has a girl ever taken a picture of the two of you in bed together? Only

you're asleep and she posted the picture to Facebook.

Ever seen a girl spell "sex," "anal," "tube" then "girlfriend" in one game of Words with Friends? (She passed up on the triple word score twice just to spell those words).

Raise both hands if all those things have happened to you through a different girl.

If a guy were to do any of these things he wouldn't be crazy, he'd be a creep.

I think my unconscious attraction to crazy girls explains my moderately promiscuous lifestyle. I usually don't realize I'm in over my head until after her and I have done the deed.

Then she starts to feel attached, and that's when I jump ship. I honestly feel bad for all the hearts I've broken over the years, but the truth is, those hearts have been attached to crazy brains.

-GC

## Grammys host Chris Brown; accept violence



BY MORGAN WAIT  
Staff Writer

I didn't watch the Grammys this year. I missed The Beach Boys, Paul McCartney, Adele and Nicki Minaj; some of my favorite musicians. One might wonder why I chose to miss these performances and not intend to look them up online.

The reason is that this year those who produced the Grammys chose to make a very offensive statement. That statement was essentially that they do not care about women.

Perhaps they did not say this explicitly. However, they did choose to allow Chris Brown to perform at the awards show this year.

To be fair, they had barred him from the show before, two shows to be exact. Two shows between the time he put his girlfriend Rihanna in the hospital and the time he was allowed to perform again.

Now this is understandable in some ways. Chris Brown has had phenomenal record sales even after the incident. His third studio album sold over 100,000 copies in its first week. In 2011 Billboard even named him artist of the year.

In terms of commercial success, the Grammys were probably hoping on the correct bandwagon. If it had remained at this, perhaps fewer people would have been offended, but it did not.

Upon announcing that Chris Brown would perform at this year's Grammys, show producer Ken Ehrlich had this to say:

"We're glad to have him back, I think people deserve a second chance, you know. If you'll note, he has not been on the Grammys for the past few years, and it may have taken us a while to kind of get over the fact that we were the victim of what happened."

Here Ehrlich makes an interesting statement. Chris Brown put his girlfriend in the hospital in lieu of treating her with respect and dig-

nity. One would think that Rihanna is the victim of what Chris Brown did.

Alas, one would be wrong; the obvious victims of the physical abuse that befell Rihanna are actually the producers of the Grammys.

One could argue that the Grammys have no obligation to care about the morals of their guests. This is somewhat true and of course the award show's producers are not the only people taking a permissive view towards what Brown did. But something really frightening happened during the awards show.

On Twitter during Brown's performance the tag #womanbeater began trending, and not in the way one would think. Countless young

girls made the statement "I would let Chris Brown beat me" and tagged it with #womanbeater.

With this the consequences of the Grammys' actions become clear. They have sent a message that it is OK to hurt women, and thousands of girls have seen this message and taken it to heart.

All of this amounts to a startling trend in our culture of dismissing violence against women. The Grammys have taken their stance, and as such I would urge a general boycott against the show in the future. If our society can't take this type of thing seriously, then the situation for women will never get better.

This "all is forgiven" approach is putting women everywhere at risk.

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### Correction:

In the February 7 article titled "Food waste finds new life," The Flyer mistakenly left out the core group of individuals who were the foundation of the composting initiative in the Commons at Salisbury University.

The Horticulture Department began composting on SU's campus in 1992 successfully until 2002 when the only vendor in 120 miles went out of business. In 2008, Rebecca Rosing-Johnson, director of Physical Plant in the Horticulture Department, heard of the hopeful birth of Blue Hen Organics in Delaware.

After three years of preparation, SU coordinated with the waste hauler to avert 350 tons of food waste from the landfill.

The department organized a meeting with Doug Jones, manager of The Commons, and gave recommendations for bin locations, types of material to recycle and training for staff.



# GULL LIFE

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## Student teacher relives childhood in classroom

BY ALEX ROULEC  
Staff Writer

A typical day at Dorchester Middle School for senior history and secondary education major Kara Peoples includes handing out free breakfast to the students during homeroom, teaching classes while the teachers observe and creating lesson plans for the following day.

"I teach every single day, plan the lessons, (and) go over the lessons with my teachers the day before," Peoples said. "I have to e-mail all my lessons to the special educators so they can adjust them based on their students' needs."

Peoples, who graduates this spring, is a stu-

dent teacher for eighth grade American History at North Dorchester Middle School in Dorchester County. Peoples gained a liking to history when she was in middle school, influencing her decision to teach that age group.

"I really enjoyed middle school," Peoples said. "I had the best sixth grade history teacher. So that's what I want to do. I want to make kids love history."

Before she was able to student teach, Peoples had to complete observation hours of other classes, take education classes including a classroom management course and take history courses for her history major.

Peoples said observation hours helped her

see how other teachers teach and determine what approaches she would or would not use in her career. She also had to learn about special education and how to adjust lesson plans to different students' needs.

Peoples described her students as funny and a bit immature but amusing. She expected them to be disrespectful towards her, but she explained how they are the opposite.

"Motivation is a problem, trying to get them to do certain things," Peoples said. "But they're pretty good attitude-wise."

Seeing the students understanding the lessons she teaches is something Peoples enjoys every day.

Peoples was initially nervous about student teaching, but now she appreciates how the experience has helped her work on her skills.

"I learned the hard way that (with) some lessons if they're just sitting there writing, they're not going to enjoy it," Peoples said. "They're going to get bored; they're going to act out."

She explained that it is nice to practice her lessons in class so she will know which methods work or do not work. Teaching is a lot more work than Peoples thought it would be, but she said it is worth it.

## CLUB Spotlight



Marian Akiwumi Photo

Jonathan DeMauro and Ali Iannucci, freshmen, face off for control of the Quaffle last fall. The Quidditch Team is quickly spreading to be one of the most popular on campus.

### Quidditch Team

BY JAMES TOWNSEND  
News Editor/SU Quidditch Captain

Fourteen players take a knee, one hand planted in the grass, the other gripped firmly on a broom. They inch with anticipation, waiting for the referee to say the magic word.

"Up!" he cries, and they're off. Bones and brooms collide as each player scrambles for a ball.

Paper cuts are not the only injury these Harry Potter readers have to worry about when they play the real-life version of Quidditch.

After only a few minutes out on the Quad, it's clear that Salisbury University's Quidditch team is playing one of the roughest sports on campus.

"Oh wow! I don't even remember getting this one," said freshman Jonathan DeMauro, as he inspects an open wound on his leg after a match on Friday. "I didn't even feel it until just now."

He could have gotten it anywhere from being pelted by a rival player or a tussle at the goal posts that ended with a broken broom.

Yet, despite the rough nature of this co-ed, full contact sport, students still come out every week to play, and it has only grown since its inception four years ago.

They're not alone either. Quidditch is quickly spreading to schools around the world. There are over 300 teams officially recognized by the International Quidditch Association, which holds an annual World Cup each year in New York City.

The sport began at Middlebury College as an alternative to traditional Sunday bocce ball games. Now it's the college's most popular sport, even over football.

With competition brewing all over the country, it is impossible for a team to exist too long before jumping into the tournament circuit.

SU's Quidditch team traveled to Baltimore last fall for its first multi-team tournament against Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland, College Park. SU will return on March 3 for a match against JHU and Shippensburg University. They also plan to visit College Park for a tournament in April.

While the gameplay can get intense, tensions on the field are actually far less than perceived.

At its basics, Quidditch is a chance for the love of Harry Potter and sports to meet, yet neither is mandatory. For some players, this is their first time playing an organized sport, and for others, their first time participating in anything related to the fantasy novels, just short of watching the movies.

This, paired with Quidditch's co-ed policy, in which other sports lack, creates one of the most interesting and laid-back athletic experiences out there. It is inherently welcoming to people of all backgrounds, male or female, athletic or not, nerds, jocks and everywhere in between.

Though there may not be any flying involved in this version of Quidditch, it's impossible to deny the magic of the sport that brings students together.

### If you go:

WHAT: Quidditch practice  
WHERE: The Quad  
WHEN: Fridays at 3 p.m.

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## Events!

### Tuesday, Feb. 21

-Delmarva History Series: Frederick Douglass  
Nabb Center Gallery  
3 - 4:30 p.m.  
-Mardi Gras  
The Bistro  
4:30 - 7 p.m.  
-Frederick Douglass Living History  
Wicomico Room  
7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Feb. 22

-Young Country Exhibit Curator  
Maiza Hixson  
FH 111  
5 p.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 23

-Business in the Atrium with Target  
PH Atrium  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
-Department of Natural Resources  
Interviews  
Career Center  
1 - 5 p.m.  
-Film: The End of Suburbia  
HS 103  
7 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 24

-Make Your Own Pizza Night  
The Rotunda  
5 - 7:15 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 26

-Lecture: Revisiting a First in American History  
Fulton Hall 111  
1:30 p.m.  
-Theatre: Revisiting a First in American History  
Fulton Hall Black Box Theatre  
2 p.m.

### Monday, Feb. 27

-Bridges to the World: Sri Lanka - Tender Trap  
Great Hall  
7 p.m.

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# Health Report

When dining at the Commons, keep healthy choices in mind.

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Thirty-five percent of Salisbury University students are required to purchase a meal plan to eat the notoriously unhealthy food at The Commons.

The buffet-style food selections are convenient. However, it is important to keep nutritional values

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in mind.

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According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average teenager should consume 2,000 to 3,000 calories per day.

So it's possible to blow all of those calories after two servings of lasagna at dinner. However, there

are many ways to stay healthy while enjoying the convenience of The Commons.

Plan out meals in advance. Twice a year, Dining Services releases a newsletter with its menu for the entire semester. Decide what to get before leaving the dorm. If you're feeling ambitious, go to the Dining Services' website and look up nutritional facts and figures. That way, you'll know if the foods are too high in calories or fat.

Go for fresh fruits and veggies. The Commons has a salad bar, as well as a fruit stand. There are also other options in The Bistro. It's always good to add fruits and vegetables to any meal; they're healthy, and they fill you up so you won't over-eat on high-fat foods.

Minimize condiments. Too much cheese and dressing on a salad can add nearly 500 calories to a healthy side-dish.

Avoid Gold N Crispy. Dining Services doesn't even include information about the kiosk on their website, but there's no way to find anything healthy there. If you go there, do it sparingly. Lotsa Pasta and Pete's Za Pie can both add up if you're not careful. Healthier options include the new Plato's Plate and the Kozi Kitchen.

The best way to make healthy food choices is to stay informed. Know how many calories are in a certain food, and plan the rest of your meal accordingly.

For more information, contact the on-campus dietician Kate Cerulli at:

<http://www.salisbury.edu/dining/dietitianform.html>.

## Meme trend hits Salisbury

BY JESSIE KARANGU  
Staff Writer

Over the last few months there have been many different Facebook sensations from planking and owl to coning.

But there's a new trend sweeping colleges everywhere, and the bug has just caught on at Salisbury University. It's a meme page full of humor that only SU students would understand called "Salisbury University Memes."

As About.com puts it, a meme is basically a virtually-transmitted cultural symbol or social idea. The term originates from author Richard Dawkins, who came up with the word while discussing evolution in his 1976 book "The Selfish Gene."

Memes can use pictures or video to relay a funny message or saying that may or may not relate to the attached video or picture.

Many early YouTube users will remember the fad known as "Rick-rolling," where the user would click

to watch a video but instead of getting the desired clip, the user would be forced to listen to 80's pop star Rick Astley sing "Never Gonna Give You Up."

Credit for Salisbury's viral sensation goes to freshman Michelle Ferré, who saw a similar meme page from her friends at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. While discussing the page, Ferré realized it was becoming the new fad at majority of colleges.

"I figured it was only a matter of time until someone made the page for Salisbury, so it might as well be me," Ferré said.

She was shocked at the immediate reaction and popularity of the page. "Seeing other people's reactions through comments or just seeing how many likes each post receives has been the best part," she said. "It's fun to see how many other people agree with you or have thought the same thing, especially when you originally thought, 'I'm the only one that does this.'"

Some of the most popular posts

from the page have included memes saying: "The book cost you \$250? The best I can do is \$5," addressing students at the buying back books program and "We should take all the campus police and make them fight real crime," addressing the increase in party busts over the past two semesters.

The page was launched on Feb. 10 and reached over a thousand likes in under two weeks.

When asked how she felt about communication over social media sites versus in real life, Ferré said it is an inevitable phenomenon of modern culture.

"People are more comfortable communicating via technology than face-to-face. Obviously that's not a good thing, but it's the direction our society is headed, whether we like it or not," she said. "It'll be very interesting to see in the future not only where this page heads but where society heads as we begin to engage more and more through technology."

## Local shelter supports the homeless

BY BRIANNA WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

A group of men talk amongst themselves as they wait for dinner, helping themselves to coffee, hot cocoa and snacks.

One immediately takes his place on a bed after proclaiming his fatigue due to his walk from Fruitland.

For these men, the opportunity to eat a hot meal and lay on a soft bed is not always possible. Belinda White, head coordinator for the men's homeless shelter at the Community of Joy church, explains that the purpose of the shelter is to help the men through encouragement.

"These people need love, understanding and grace," White said. "Some have made bad choices and some have just fallen on bad luck. Something you say could make a difference."

Because the men may have issues such as addictions, rules have to be set to keep order. For instance, doors close after 10 p.m., men have to be out by 7 a.m., and no weapons, drugs or alcohol are allowed.

White has been nicknamed "The Warden" by some of the men because of her no-nonsense policy. However, her passion for her work is evident as she gives a tour of the space acting as the shelter.

The sanctuary is set at a warm 70 degrees and fits 20 beds. Each bed is covered in blankets either donated by the community or owned by the men. Under most of the cots are the men's possessions in various bags, which they leave at the shelter while they are out for the day.

In the adjoining room is a buffet of snacks also donated by the

community as well as a table with various personal items, toiletries and coats that the men are free to take. Around 5 p.m. men begin to come in to register and prepare for dinner.

The men's shelter rotates through several local churches each year from February to March. Community of Joy was the first to host the

board games.

Ann Himes, coordinator for St. Francis' shelter, is still in need of volunteers for overnight shifts during their second week. Himes is expecting 30 to 40 men and is still accepting mature, serious volunteers for anyone who would like to help.

"It's a good experience," said

"These people need love, understanding and grace ... Some have made bad choices and some have just fallen on bad luck. Something you say could make a difference." - Belinda White, head coordinator for the men's homeless shelter at the Community of Joy church.

Himes. "Volunteering can help you become more aware of the people in your world."

SU senior Becca Mastriopolo volunteered at the shelter last year. Although she is not going this year, Mastriopolo is making cookies for the men and recommends the experience to anyone who wants to make a difference.

"I enjoyed bringing a smile to their faces," she said. "And I hope that what I did somehow made their lives better."

For more information on volunteering at St. Francis, contact Himes at 443-783-0439.

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# SPORTS

## Sea Gulls score big in lax home opener



Justin Odendhal photo

Junior midfielder Ryan Clarke dodges past a defender in the first quarter of action against Lynchburg College. The Gulls won the game 16-7.

## CAC: Hood and Stevenson out; Chistopher Newport in?

BY MARK ECKARD  
Staff Writer

In 2011, Stevenson University handed Salisbury University its only blemish on the road to a 9th national championship in men's lacrosse.

They defeated Stevenson in the Capital Athletic Conference championship later that season after coming back from a five-goal deficit on April 24 of last year.

Last Wednesday, Hood College and Salisbury University faced off in a pivotal game and playoff-like atmosphere at Mags Physical Activities Center for the right to go to the CAC playoffs in men's basketball.

And this coming Tuesday, Salisbury will battle Stevenson at home in the first CAC playoff game in Mags in women's basketball since 2002-03.

The Sea Gulls may take on these two schools in some sports in the future, but never with the CAC implications and intensity that previous contests had.

"Being a part of a conference like the CAC means everything to our program," said Director of Athletics Michael Vienna. "The championships, awards and accolades give our athletes something to play for and help to represent our program in a positive light."

The 2011-12 sports season marks the end of the CAC as it currently stands. After this spring season, two of the CAC's members, Hood and Stevenson, will be leaving the conference for the Middle Atlantic Conference.

For some of SU's athletic teams, this could spell trouble. With the loss of two teams, some sports such as field hockey, baseball, softball and men's and women's tennis will go under the minimum number of seven

schools in a conference and thus lose their automatic qualifying bid for the conference championships. Conferences need a minimum of seven teams to obtain an automatic qualifying bid for the conference championships.

"That's the biggest drawback in losing those two teams," said Men's Lacrosse Head Coach Jim Berkman. "It will be a tougher road for us," said Baseball Head Coach Doug Fleetwood. "Winning the conference will no longer automatically get us into the playoffs."

For other sports, the automatic bid remains but there are nagging concerns beyond that issue.

"There is more difficulty in scheduling, in finding games in the middle of the conference season," Berkman said. "Distance is a big issue. Some schools are just not realistic for us. We are also losing quality opponents in all sports and that weakens our conference in terms of strength of schedule."

"We are geographically isolated," Vienna said. "We will never be in the middle of a region and that is difficult for travel. There aren't many independent teams in Division III, and they are all spread across the country. The further the game is away, the more class time our athletes miss, and we certainly don't want that."

This past Thursday Christopher Newport University announced that it has applied to become a member of the CAC at the beginning of the 2013-2014 seasons. The school is leaving the USA South after 40 years of participation in which they amassed 212 conference championships. A decision will soon be made, confirming the application in March after the representatives of the CAC visit the CNU campus.

## Athlete Spotlight

### Jillian Poppe



BY MARIAH BAUGHAN  
Staff Writer

Returning to the Sea Gull women's tennis team, junior Jillian Poppe is excited for the 2012 season to start.

Last season, Poppe was First Team All Conference with a record of 8-4 in singles and 10-4 in doubles. Poppe was also named Rookie of the Year her freshman season.

Poppe grew up playing tennis in Hunterdon County, N.J. She comes from a very athletic family, with her older sister having played tennis at

Newberry College.

Would you say you expect a lot from yourself because of your previous accomplishments?  
"Yes, I expect to do better each and every season, improving mentally and physically."

What are some of your mental techniques to help you stay composed during the matches?  
"Staying positive is number one. You have to play the game point by point. You can't get down on your-

self on the court because if you do, you are ultimately defeated."

Do you have a specific goal for this upcoming season?  
"As a team, win the conference championship so then we can go to nationals. Individually, I would like to be first in the conference."

How do you stay in shape off-season?  
"I run and go to the gym. When that gets boring I like to play other sports with my friends, which makes

conditioning fun."

Does the team seem to be meshing well together this season?  
"Yes, so far we get along. We have three new girls in the top six. We are a young team so we will be together for a while. It takes time to get to know each other and trust each other on the court."

What would you say your biggest strength is?  
"My forehand definitely."

## NBA at midpoint; All-Star game approaches

BY ANDREW CANTOR  
Staff Writer



Brett Deering/Getty Images Photo

Kevin Durant threw out his opinion about Seattle getting an NBA team in the city rumored to be saying goodbye to theirs.

teams like the Oklahoma City Thunder and the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Thunder has two of the youngest stars in the game in Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. Durant is nearly averaging a double-double per game while Westbrook runs the offense from the point. This duo consistently enables the Thunder to put up 100 points night in and night out, a mark which is hard for most teams to keep up with.

The best team in the NBA East has to be the Chicago Bulls, with Derek Rose getting healthy for the playoffs and the number one defense," said Salisbury University Senior Tim Goehner.

In the Western Conference, three teams appear to be emerging. The San Antonio Spurs are leading the conference right now, and point guard Tony Parker is playing phenomenally, giving teams nightmares. The biggest concern for the Spurs is whether their old age will allow them to remain durable and keep pace ahead of younger

able mismatches for most of the league.

"Oklahoma City is easily the best team in the west," said Sophomore Brett Zimmerman. "They have so much promise led by the best scorer in the game (Kevin) Durant and one of the best guards in the league with (Russell) Westbrook. They have all of the pieces to win a championship."

The big story as of late though has been the rise of New York Knicks guard Jeremy Lin. Lin, who has seen minimal playing time this season, came off the bench last week and has been torching teams non-stop. Since Lin entered the starting lineup, the Knicks went on a seven-game win streak and are reverting back to their winning ways. The big question that remains is: What will happen when Carmelo Anthony returns, and can the two co-exist?

## SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

### Tuesday - 2/21

\*Men's basketball TBD CAC First Round  
\*Women's basketball TBD CAC First Round @ 7 p.m.

### Thursday - 2/23

\*Men's basketball TBD CAC Semifinals  
\*Women's basketball TBD CAC Semifinals

### Friday - 2/24

\*Softball vs. Piedmont @ Fayetteville, N.C. 11 a.m.  
\*Softball vs. Roanoke @ Fayetteville, N.C. 1 p.m.  
\*Women's tennis vs. Catholic 4 p.m.

### Saturday - 2/25

\*Softball vs. Greensboro @ Fayetteville N.C. 10 a.m.  
\*Baseball vs. New Paltz St. at noon  
\*Softball vs. N.C. Wesleyan @ Fayetteville, N.C. at noon  
\*Men's lacrosse vs. Roanoke at noon  
\*Baseball vs. New Paltz St. at 2:30 p.m.  
\*Women's tennis @ Haverford at 3 p.m.  
\*Women's lacrosse vs. Roanoke at 3 p.m.

### Sunday - 2/26

\*Track & Field vs. George Mason University Winter Games @ Fairfax, Va. 9 a.m.  
\*Women's tennis vs. Carnegie Mellon @ Swarthmore at 9 a.m.  
\*Baseball vs. New Paltz St. at 11 a.m.

### Monday - 2/27

\*Track & Field vs. CNU Last Chance Pentathlon @ Newport News, Va. at 10 a.m.

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